

COMPLETE LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): An electronic apparatus that is capable of performing a plurality of processes on digital data, said plurality of processes including a specific process, the execution of which is restricted in advance, comprising:

a notification section that notifies a user of a message calling the user's attention to the presence of copyright protection for digital data subjected to the specific process in response to an instruction issued on the specific process;

a function-setting section that sets a specific function for removing restriction on the execution of the specific process when the user indicates an acceptance to the contents according to the notification of the message; and

an execution restriction-removal section that removes the restriction on the execution of the specific process and stops the function of said notification section, based on the set specific function; and

an inhibiting section that inhibits said notification section from notifying the user of the message once upon the user's acceptance to the contents of the message.

Claim 2 (original): An electronic apparatus according to claim 1, further including a setting information storage device that stores information indicative of the setting of the set specific function, and a recording section that stores the information in said setting information storage device.

Claim 3 (original): An electronic apparatus according to claim 1, including a data storage device that stores the digital data, and wherein the specific process includes storing digital audio data or image data taken in from an outside of the electronic apparatus in said data storage device.

Claim 4 (original): An electronic apparatus according to claim 2, including a data storage device that stores the digital data, and wherein the specific process includes storing digital audio data or image data taken in from an outside of the electronic apparatus in said data storage device.

Claim 5 (currently amended): An electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said notification section displays notifies the user of the message, in dependence on a kind whether unauthorized duplication of digital data on which the specific process is to be carried out is inhibited.

Claim 6 (currently amended): An electronic apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said notification section displays notifies the user of the message, in dependence on a kind whether unauthorized duplication of digital data on which the specific process is to be carried out is inhibited.

Claim 7 (original): An electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said notification section displays a message concerning a copyright on a screen or notifies the message by voice, in response to an instruction for executing the specific process or an instruction for setting the specific function.

Claim 8 (original): An electronic apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said notification section displays a message concerning a copyright on a screen or notifies the message by voice, in response to an instruction for executing the specific process or an instruction for setting the specific function.

Claim 9 (original): An electronic apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said recording section stores the information indicative of the setting of the specific function in the storage device, in response to an instruction for storing the information.

Claim 10 (currently amended): An electronic apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said setting information storage device and said data storage device are an identical storage device that can be replaced.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A data recording method for an electronic apparatus that is capable of performing a plurality of processes on digital data, said plurality of processes including a specific process, the execution of which is restricted in advance,

the data recording method comprising the steps of:

notifying a user of a message calling the user's attention to the presence of a copyright protection for the digital data subjected to the specific process in response to an instruction issued on the specific process;

setting a specific function according to the notification for removing restriction on the execution of the specific process when the user agrees to the contents of the message; and

removing the restriction on the execution of the specific process and stopping the function of the notification section, based on the set specific function; and

inhibiting the notification of the message once the user agrees to the contents of the message.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium storing a program for executing data recording method for an electronic apparatus that is capable of performing a plurality of processes including a specific process, the execution of which is restricted in advance, the program comprising:

a notifying module that notifies a user of a message calling the user's attention to to the presence of a copyright protection for the digital data subjected to the specific process in response to an instruction issued on the specific process;

a specific function-setting module that sets a specific function for removing restriction on the execution of the specific process when the user indicates an acceptance to the contents according to the notification of the message; and

an execution restriction-removing module that removes the restriction on the execution of the specific process and disables said notifying module, based on the set specific function; and
an inhibiting module that inhibits said notification module from notifying the user of the message once upon the user's acceptance to the contents of the message.